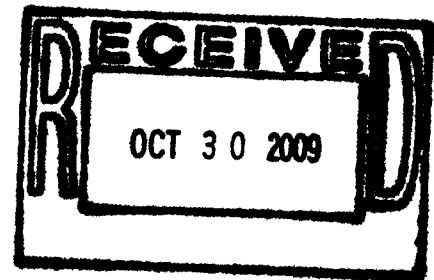


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Dear Mrs. Haulman:

This letter responds to your request for a written rationale for the decision not to separate Enterprise-Ozark Community College into two independent, degree granting, financial aid eligible institutions. Fiscal considerations require us to change course and withdraw plans to create two independent institutions.

With this year's proration rate currently at 7.5 and the possibility of additional proration, the plan was modified in order to achieve the goals of creating and sustaining a statewide entity capable of meeting the postsecondary workforce training needs in aviation while retaining the sound structure and reputation of the Enterprise unit. Current and projected funding levels are no longer sufficient to move forward with the separation as originally designed and approved. A more prudent and fiscally sound approach, considering the institution's current financial environment, is to maintain the College as one postsecondary institution. The College will be renamed Enterprise State Community College (ESCC) and the Ozark Campus will continue to operate as a unit of the College under the marketing name of The Alabama Aviation Center.

Due to the financial constraints placed on the institution there has been limited action taken toward the separation of the two units since ACHE approved the Administrative Establishment Phase of the Separation of Enterprise-Ozark Community College on December 12, 2008. Preliminary actions, such as notifying the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and submitting an application for the Alabama Aviation College to the Council on Occupational Education, have taken place. The only administrative changes that have taken place are the promotion of the Director of Technical Education to the position of Interim Dean of Instruction and Student Services, and the creation of three new positions, two of which have been filled. Prior to the naming of the Interim Dean of Instruction and Student Services, there was no key level administrator on the Ozark Campus. This was due to the departure of the former Campus Dean. Most of the administrative changes recommended by the Separation Unit Team were to be resolved through re-organizational efforts. These re-organizational efforts have not been completed due to financial concerns.

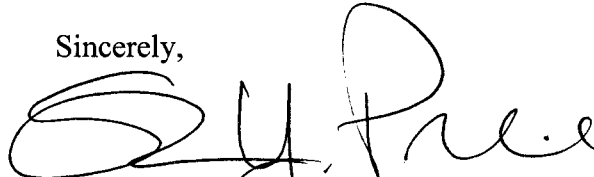
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If you have questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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